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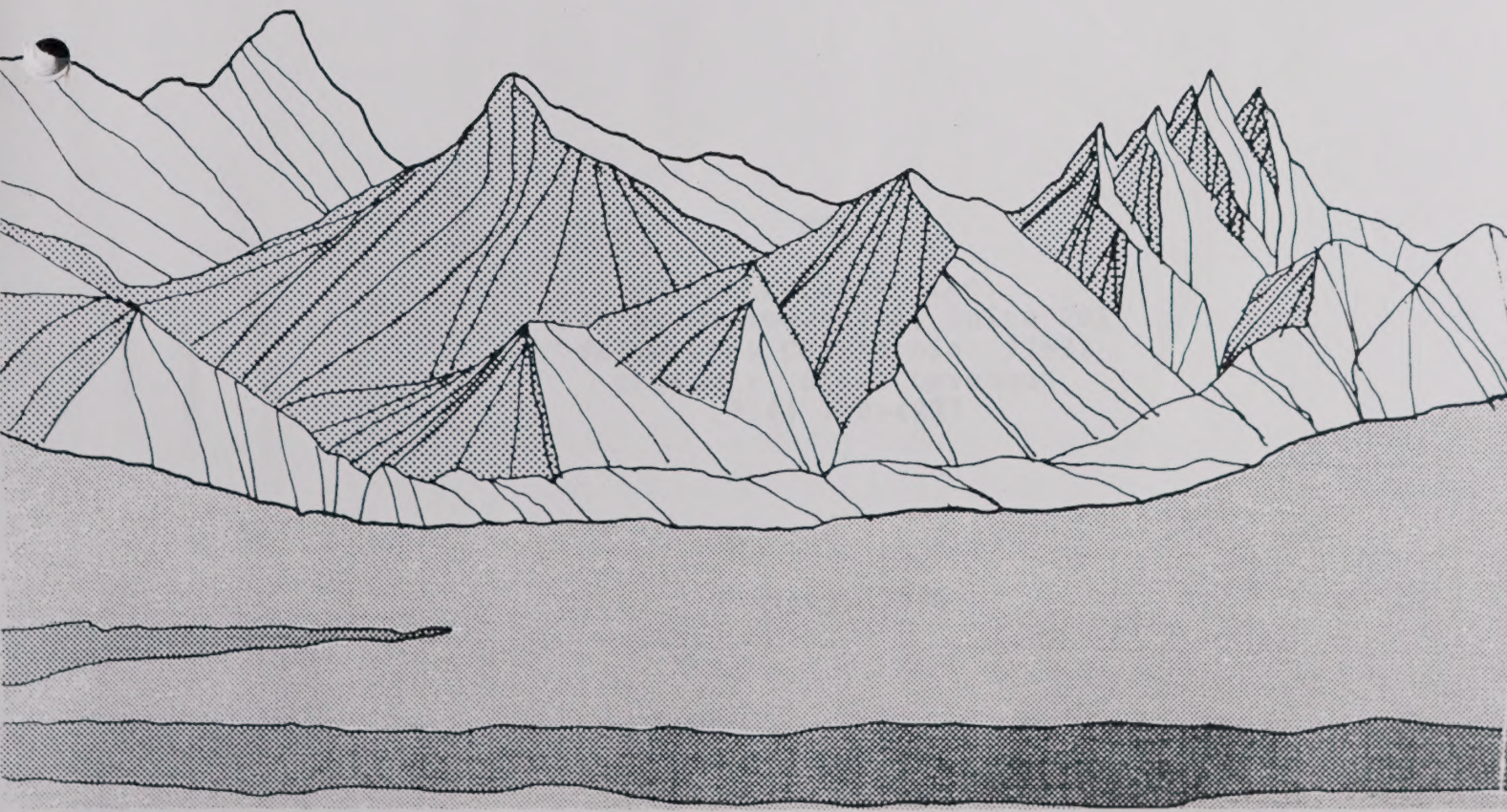
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1.0 INTRODUCTION

This Environmental Assessment discusses the potential environmental effects associated with the implementation of the policies presented in the draft General Plan Policy Document. Because the General Plan does not propose specific developments, this document is prepared with a programmatic focus; on the overall secondary effects that can be expected to follow the General Plan adoption. Additional environmental studies will be undertaken on specific projects as they are proposed during the life of the General Plan.

This Program Environmental Assessment has been prepared to comply with the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970 (CEQA), as amended. This document, along with the Policy Document and Technical Background Reports, together constitute the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) under CEQA. This document is intended to provide information and analysis enabling appropriate public agencies, concerned organizations and individuals, and City officials to evaluate the potential environmental impacts associated with the adoption of the General Plan. Where appropriate, it sets forth specific measures to mitigate potential significant adverse effects upon the environment.

Final adoption and certification of the EIR by the City Council is required prior to adoption of the General Plan. The general public and all affected agencies are encouraged to make appropriate comments on the document during the required public review period, prior to Plan adoption.

The City of Needles will act as the "Lead Agency" in the preparation of the Needles General Plan EIR. The City of Needles will have the primary responsibility of implementing the General Plan.

The existing physical, economic and social environmental conditions of the City of Needles are described in detail in the Technical Background Reports. The General Plan Policy Document is primarily based upon the data presented in the Technical Background Reports and upon a program of public participation. The Policy Document consists of seven (7) elements: land use; housing; circulation; transportation and scenic highways, open space and recreation; conservation and historic preservation, and noise and safety. This Environmental Impact Analysis is structured similarly to the Policy Document in that it addresses each of the elements separately.

2.0 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

2.1 Land Use

A. Impacts:

The Land Use Element of the General Plan is designed to clarify the land use policies and zoning regulations of the City. Therefore, property owners, residents, and business people will have a clearer understanding of future land uses and the methods of implementing land use through zoning regulations. The Land Use Element is based upon an estimated population growth of year-round residents of 10,000 people by the year 2,005. Achievement of this projected growth will result in additional demands of land for community facilities, housing and street systems.

B. Mitigation:

The Land Use Element includes policy guidelines for ensuring that the basic pattern of land use in Needles will be retained. This will be accomplished through encouraging infill development and discouraging the conversion of open

space not directly adjacent to the existing development areas. The Element also includes land use guidelines for ensuring that contiguous land uses are compatible and that the need for infrastructure as a result of growth is closely monitored.

For detailed description of goals, policies, and standards of the Land Use Element see Section 1 of the General Plan Policy Document.

2.2 Housing

A. Impacts:

The Housing Element of the General Plan depicts the need to improve housing conditions, the quality of neighborhoods and community living, all of which are significant issues in the City of Needles (see Technical Background Report II, Housing). While new construction will continue to replace dilapidated structures, the existing older housing stock will continue to dominate the form and character of the City.

Continued growth will create new housing demand but will not help the vintage housing that exists today. Therefore, policies for rehabilitation programs should be implemented and steps taken to educate the public of the type of programs available.

B. Mitigation:

The Housing Element outlines goals, policies and programs, which when implemented will increase the quality of housing stock in Needles, through housing rehabilitation programs, Community Development Block Grants, (CDBG) funding; and affordable housing programs.

For detailed description of goals, policies and standards of the Housing Element, see Section 11 of the General Plan Policy Document.

2.3 Circulation, Transportation and Scenic Highways

A. Impacts:

Achievement of the projected growth in the community will have a direct impact upon the existing street system in Needles and create a need to provide traffic control facilities and a pedestrian circulation system that will minimize conflicts between vehicles and pedestrians.

B. Mitigation:

The Circulation, Transportation, and Scenic highways Element of the General Plan, describes goals, policies and programs that when implemented, accomodate the future growth of the community and provide for a comprehensive system of movement of pedestrians and vehicles. The Element also recognizes the City's vast number of scenic routes and vistas, realizing the need to keep these areas well preserved and easily accessible.

The Element also denotes parking and street standards per type of use and type of highway, i.e., major highway, secondary highway, collector highway or local streets. In addition, the plan proposes the upgrading and/or the extension of selected streets and highways throughout the City as well as the need for additional pedestrian and vehicular circulation systems.

For detailed description of goals, policies, and standards of the Circulation, Transportation and Scenic Highways Element see Section III of the General Plan Policy Document.

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2.4 Recreation and Open Space

A. Impacts:

The future demand of recreational needs in Needles as a result of projected growth could reduce the amount of open space available and limit public access to some areas. Changes may occur within the developed and undeveloped areas of the City that would include the elimination of open space, the blocking of views and vistas, and the reduction of vegetation and wildlife.

B. Mitigation:

The Open Space and Recreation Element establishes goals, policies and standards for open space and recreation planning consistent with existing and future needs. It also includes provisions for the development of park facilities in accordance with future growth.

The Element addresses the need for a convenient location of recreational uses to residential neighborhoods. It proposes a balanced variety of open space and recreational land, and multiple use of open space resources. The Element also provides policies for insurance of public access to the Colorado River.

For detailed description of goals, policies, and standards of the Open Space and Recreation Element see Section IV of the General Plan, Policies Document.

2. Results

The first series of experiments was carried out in the form of a series of tests on the effect of the type of material used for the construction of the structure on the results of the tests. The results of the tests are given in Table 1. It can be seen from the table that the results of the tests are in good agreement with the theoretical calculations. The results of the tests are also in good agreement with the results of the tests carried out on the other series of experiments.

3. Discussion

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2.5 Conservation and Historic Preservation

A. Impacts:

Future development and growth within the community could reduce both the quantity of conserved land and the number of historic structures and other cultural resources preserved. The Needles area is rich in cultural and natural resources, and future development may result in the loss of those resources unless policies and programs are designed to preserve those resources.

B. Mitigation:

The goals and policies in the Element address implementation procedures that will reduce the potential impacts on the cultural and natural resources in the area and preserve and rejuvenate historic structures and sites within the City.

For a detailed description of goals, policies, and standards of the Conservation and Historic Preservation, see Section V of the General Plan Policy Document.

2.6 Noise

A. Impacts:

As described in the Technical Background Report, noise in Needles is primarily associated with vehicular traffic and Railroad activities. Several residential and other public facilities are currently impacted by adverse noise levels (see Technical Background Report VI, Hazard).

1.1 Introduction and Objectives of the Study

1.1.1 Objectives

The primary objective of this study is to investigate the impact of various factors on the performance of the system. The study aims to identify the key variables that influence the system's output and to develop a model that can predict the system's behavior under different conditions. The study also aims to provide a comprehensive overview of the current state of the art in this field and to highlight the gaps in the existing knowledge.

1.1.2 Scope of the Study

The study is limited to the analysis of the system's performance under specific conditions. The study does not cover the design or implementation of the system, but rather focuses on the evaluation of its performance. The study is also limited to the analysis of the system's performance under steady-state conditions, and does not consider the system's behavior during transient periods.

The study is organized as follows. Chapter 2 provides a detailed description of the system and the experimental setup. Chapter 3 presents the results of the experiments and discusses the factors that influence the system's performance. Chapter 4 concludes the study and provides recommendations for future research.

1.2 Literature Review

1.2.1 Introduction

The literature review in this chapter is organized into two main sections. The first section discusses the general principles of the system and the factors that influence its performance. The second section discusses the specific results of previous studies and compares them with the results of the current study. The literature review highlights the importance of the study and provides a context for the research.

Overflight noise from commercial or military aircraft does not create a significant effect on the City currently, but should be monitored as the Airport increases its flight volume.

B. Mitigation:

The Noise Element includes information illustrating the "Maximum Noise Levels" of both interior and exterior areas. The Noise Element establishes acceptable outdoor noise levels for residential (65 dBA), commercial (70 dBA), and Industrial (75 dBA). Separation of high noise generating developments from the noise sensitive areas, i.e. hospitals, residences schools and community centers will be of paramount importance.

Policies, Principals and Standards included in the Noise Element address the issues of compatiability of land uses, coordination of future developments with other agencies (where applicable), and subjecting new developments to the environmental review process.

For detailed explanation of goals, policies, and standards of the Noise Element see Section VI of the General Plan Policy Document.

2.7 **Safety**

A. Impacts:

The Safety Element places a high emphasis on the protection of the existing population from natural and people-made hazards.

The Technical Background Report VI, Hazards, describes in detail the flood hazards associated with the flood plain bordering the Colorado River which is subject to flooding when the River overflows its banks and with flash floods common to the Needles area.

With regards to seismic activity, at this time Needles is not located in a special Studies Zone. A survey of seismic activity in the Needles area from 1975 to 1980 was prepared by Seismological Laboratory of the California Institute of Technology. The survey indicates that the Needles area and the City of Needles has experienced very few earthquakes. The majority of these could not be felt by humans. The study also indicates that there are no major faults in the area which would be major factors in earthquake activity.

B. Mitigation:

The Safety Element outlines goals, policies and programs that will insure the highest level of safety for Needles Residents, which safeguards against existing safety deficiencies and potential hazards associated with future growth.

For a detailed description of the goals, policies and programs of the Safety Element, see Section VII of the General Plan Policy Document.

3.0 GROWTH INDUCING AND CUMULATIVE IMPACTS

The General Plan is consistent with the community goals and is mitigated by the policies/regulations included in the Plan. The growth induced by the Plan is considered to be healthy for the long-term viability of Needles as a community.

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2. Discussion

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3. Summary and Conclusions

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4.0 ALTERNATIVES

4.1 No Project Alternative:

The No Project Alternative would be the continued use of the present outdated General Plan. This alternative would result in an inferior implementation, because the initial General Plan does not address current community goals and needs. However, the updated General Plan is a single source document which includes the existing environmental conditions and proposes policies and programs that City Officials in Needles can use as a guide to plan community growth. In addition, the No Project Alternative is considered infeasible because the City is required by State law to adopt a General Plan with seven (7) mandatory elements and a consistent zoning ordinance.

4.2 Reduced Growth Alternative:

The reduced growth alternative would result in less of an impact on public facilities and services and the natural environment, and would allow the community to retain more of a rural character. However, the reduced growth alternative would substantially reduce the ability of the City to encourage needed development and reduce the long-term economic viability of Needles businesses and a better life for Needles residents.

5.0 THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN LOCAL AND SHORT-TERM USES OF MAN'S ENVIRONMENT AND THE MAINTENANCE AND ENHANCEMENT OF MAN'S LONG-TERM PRODUCTIVITY.

The General Plan combines both short-term planning, long-term productivity and maintenance and enhancement of the City's goals. Therefore, the General Plan is designed to achieve a

2. Theoretical Framework

The theoretical framework of this study is based on the concept of the "cultural turn" in social sciences, which emphasizes the role of culture in shaping social structures and processes. This framework is rooted in the works of scholars such as Clifford Geertz, who viewed culture as a system of symbols and meanings that give order and coherence to human life. In this study, the cultural turn is applied to the analysis of organizational behavior, where culture is seen as a set of shared values, beliefs, and practices that influence how individuals interact within an organization. The study aims to explore how organizational culture can be leveraged to enhance performance and foster innovation. The research is guided by the following hypotheses: H1: Organizational culture has a positive impact on employee engagement. H2: Organizational culture has a positive impact on organizational performance. H3: Organizational culture has a positive impact on innovation. The study is structured as follows: Chapter 1: Introduction. Chapter 2: Theoretical Framework. Chapter 3: Methodology. Chapter 4: Data Collection and Analysis. Chapter 5: Results and Discussion. Chapter 6: Conclusion and Recommendations.

3. Methodology

The research methodology employed in this study is a quantitative approach, specifically a survey design. The study aims to collect data from a large sample of employees across various organizations to test the hypotheses. The data collection process involves the distribution of a structured questionnaire that measures organizational culture, employee engagement, organizational performance, and innovation. The questionnaire is based on established scales and instruments used in previous research. The data is then analyzed using statistical methods, including descriptive statistics, correlation analysis, and regression analysis, to determine the relationships between the variables. The study is limited by the self-reported nature of the data and the potential for common method bias. However, the use of a large sample and multiple measures helps to mitigate these limitations. The study is organized as follows: Chapter 1: Introduction. Chapter 2: Theoretical Framework. Chapter 3: Methodology. Chapter 4: Data Collection and Analysis. Chapter 5: Results and Discussion. Chapter 6: Conclusion and Recommendations.

4. Results and Discussion

The results of the study indicate that organizational culture has a significant positive impact on employee engagement, organizational performance, and innovation. The findings support all three hypotheses. The study suggests that organizations should invest in building a strong, positive culture to achieve their strategic goals. The study is organized as follows: Chapter 1: Introduction. Chapter 2: Theoretical Framework. Chapter 3: Methodology. Chapter 4: Data Collection and Analysis. Chapter 5: Results and Discussion. Chapter 6: Conclusion and Recommendations.

reasonable balance between what can be done today and what should be preserved for the future. The policies of the Plan, attempt to preserve the Needles rural character rather than the urbanization that is continuing to occur in most California cities. The General Plan is a growth management scenario that emphasizes long-term productivity over short-term gains or uses.

6.0 ANY UNAVOIDABLE OR IRREVERSIBLE ENVIRONMENTAL CHANGES
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The Needles General Plan in and of itself does not commit resources. The secondary effects of the Plan such as the growth anticipated, will commit undeveloped land to development, nonrenewable energy resources to use, and the City to a definite course of action consistent with the Plan. However, the General Plan achieves a balance based upon expressed community values between what will be loss and what will be preserved or enhanced. The Plan will preserve Needle's rural recreational character even though some development will occur. The overwhelming majority of the outlying open space that exists today will be preserved while open space within the developed areas will be developed. In this manner, the Plan proposes a long-term community planning scenario that is consistent with the goals of the City.

7.0 COMMENTS RECEIVED ON THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT AND RESPONSES TO THOSE COMMENTS

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970 (CEQA), as amended, the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) was circulated to the identified interested public agencies and made available for review by the general public for a period of 45 days beginning October 22, 1985 and ending December 4, 1985.

The comments received on the Draft EIR are included on the following pages. Many of the comments received were centered around clarifications or corrections to the various documents. Where appropriate, the requested modifications to the documents were made. In addition, discussions with Mr. Powell of the California Department of Fish and Game facilitated minor modifications and clarifications to the documents.

1.2 CONCEPTS AND METHODS IN THE STUDY OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT
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In the study of the environment, the concept of environmental impact is central. It is defined as the change in the environment that results from human activities. This change can be either direct or indirect. Direct impacts are those that are immediately caused by human activities, such as the construction of a dam or the release of pollutants. Indirect impacts are those that are caused by human activities through a chain of events, such as the construction of a dam leading to the displacement of people and the subsequent loss of their land and resources. The study of environmental impact is a multidisciplinary field that draws on a variety of disciplines, including biology, chemistry, physics, sociology, and economics. The methods used in the study of environmental impact include field observations, laboratory experiments, and modeling. Field observations involve the collection of data on the environment and the impact of human activities. Laboratory experiments involve the study of the effects of human activities on the environment in a controlled setting. Modeling involves the use of mathematical models to predict the impact of human activities on the environment.

The study of environmental impact is a complex task that requires a deep understanding of the environment and the human activities that affect it. It is a field that is constantly evolving as new methods and techniques are developed. The study of environmental impact is a vital part of the study of the environment and is essential for the development of sustainable development. The study of environmental impact is a field that is constantly evolving as new methods and techniques are developed. The study of environmental impact is a vital part of the study of the environment and is essential for the development of sustainable development. The study of environmental impact is a field that is constantly evolving as new methods and techniques are developed. The study of environmental impact is a vital part of the study of the environment and is essential for the development of sustainable development.

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Subject: City of Needles General Plan EIR
SCH# 85102105

Dear Ms. Gehrts:

The State Clearinghouse submitted the above named draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) to selected state agencies for review. The review period is closed and the comments of the individual agency(ies) is(are) enclosed. Also, on the enclosed Notice of Completion, the Clearinghouse has checked which agencies have commented. Please review the Notice of Completion to ensure that your comment package is complete. If the package is not in order, please notify the State Clearinghouse immediately. Your eight digit State Clearinghouse number should be used so that we may reply promptly.

Please note that recent legislation requires that a responsible agency or other public agency shall only make substantive comments on a project which are within the area of the agency's expertise or which relate to activities which that agency must carry out or approve. (AB 2583, Ch. 1514, Stats. 1984.)

These comments are forwarded for your use in preparing your final EIR. If you need more information or clarification, we suggest you contact the commenting agency at your earliest convenience.

Please contact Peggy Osborn at 916/445-0613 if you have any questions regarding the environmental review process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'John B. Ohanian'.

John B. Ohanian
Chief Deputy Director
Office of Planning and Research

cc: Resources Agency

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2. Lead Agency: City of Needles 3. Contact Person: Pamela Gehrts
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3c. County: San Bernardino 3d. Zip: 92363 3e. Phone: 619-326-2113
PROJECT LOCATION 4. County: San Bernardino 4a. City/Community: Needles

5b. Assessor's Parcel No. _____ 5c. Section _____ Twp. _____ Range _____
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From : Colorado River Board of California

Subject: SCH No. 85102105, Review City of Needles General Plan

We have reviewed the draft copies of the three reports comprising the General Plan for the City of Needles: (a) "Policy Document", (b) "Environmental Assessment", and (c) "Technical Background Reports".

We have one comment to make, and this concerns Colorado River water rights. On page V-4 of the "Technical Background Reports", the last paragraph is incorrect and should be replaced with the following:

"Colorado River mainstream water rights have been adjudicated by the United States Supreme Court in the 1964 Decree in Arizona v. California. In a 1979 supplemental decree, the Court awarded the City of Needles present perfected rights to mainstream Colorado River water in the amount of (i) 1,500 acre-feet annual diversions, or (ii) 950 acre-feet annual consumptive use, whichever of (i) or (ii) is less, with a priority date of 1885. However, the City's consumptive use is presently about three times the amount of its present perfected right. The City is participating in discussions with the United States Bureau of Reclamation, the Colorado River Board of California, and The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California concerning ways to obtain additional water rights by exchange or use of non-mainstream water supplies. Included in the alternatives is the participation in the Bureau of Reclamation's proposed water exchange program involving ground water pumping along the All American Canal in Imperial County."

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Date: November 20, 1985

File : 08-40-138.4
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Attention Peggy Osborn

From : DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
District 8

Subject: DEIR - City of Needles General Plan

We have reviewed the above-referenced document and it is adequate for our purposes.

We would like a copy of the final document as soon as it is available.

If you have any questions, please contact Marie J. Petry at (714) 383-4024.



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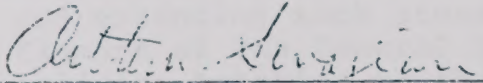
Re: Draft EIR, City of Needles General Plan SCH #85102105

Attn: Peggy L. Osborn

The subject document has been reviewed and we have no comments on the Policy Document of the General Plan. However, there are a few suggested corrections that should be noted in the Technical Background Reports.

On Page IV-8, the solid waste disposal site which operates under our Board Order No. 83-63 is presently allowed to receive liquid wastes which must be mixed with the refuse. But this method of liquid waste disposal will be phased out in the next few years to conform with the new regulations regarding the discharges of waste to land adopted in October 18, 1984, by the State Water Resources Control Board. Also, on the same page it should be noted that the discharge of Chromic Hydroxide sludge will be discontinued since this waste is no longer being produced by the company that was previously discharging it.

If you have any questions regarding our comments please contact Ron Rodriguez of this office.


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Executive Officer

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Mr. [Name]
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Dear Mr. [Name]:

Thank you for your letter of [Date].

The enclosed report contains the data requested and the results of the analysis of the [Sample]. Please refer to the [Page] for a complete description of the [Sample].

It is noted that the [Sample] was collected on [Date] at [Location]. The [Sample] was analyzed for [Parameter] and the results are shown in the [Table]. The [Table] shows that the [Parameter] is within the [Range] and the [Sample] is [Quality].

If you have any questions regarding the [Sample] or the [Table], please contact the [Person] at [Phone Number].

Very truly yours,
[Signature]
[Title]
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[City, State, Zip]

Memorandum

To: 1. Projects Coordinator
Resources Agency

Date : November 26, 1985

2. City of Needles
1111 Bailey Avenue
Needles, CA 92363

From : Department of Fish and Game

Subject: City of Needles General Plan EIR, San Bernardino County - SCH
85102105

The Draft City of Needles General Plan (G.P.), Policy Document, Draft Environmental Assessment and Technical Background Reports have been reviewed by biologists familiar with the area. These documents are inadequate in respect to fish and wildlife resources and contain statements which are in error.

We believe a meeting between representatives of our Department's Blythe Office, the City of Needles, and the consultant, Urban Futures, Inc., to discuss meaningful changes in the documents would be productive, especially in regard to the policy document which suggests that increased recreational development should take place on the Colorado River.

This proposed G.P. and EIR would be counter to Department of Fish and Game responsibility to protect, preserve, and enhance the remaining wetland and riparian habitats in California. We believe the documents and policy statements are inadequate under CEQA in that they fail to consider and protect these high quality ecological systems. We believe the G.P. and EIR should identify the objective of maintaining existing fish and wildlife habitats and enhancing such areas found to be deficient. The Conservation Element of the General Plan should contain a goal and specific policies speaking to this protection and enhancement.

Finally, the Technical Report document contains numerous errors relating to fish, wildlife, vegetation, reptiles, amphibians, and birds expected to be in or near the Needles area. A number of the fish listed in the document are not present in the Colorado River system, and several which do exist were omitted. The federally listed endangered Yuma clapper rail occupies adjacent areas and may occur in the area covered by the G.P. In addition, several state-listed species are present. This deserves special discussion in the assessment as they are covered by the California Endangered Species Act.

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We request that a meeting be arranged by the consultant so that we can directly provide our recommended changes for making this plan consistent with the State's objectives and CEOA's requirements and to provide corrections regarding the fish and wildlife resources which occur in the area.

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on this project. If you have any questions, please contact Fred A. Worthley Jr., Regional Manager, at 245 W. Broadway, Suite 350, Long Beach, CA 90802; telephone number (213) 590-5113.

for Peter Butashilli
for Jack C. Parnell
Director

cc: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Laguna Niguel



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Mr. Steven H. Levesque
Vice President
Urban Futures, Inc.
140 E. Commonwealth Avenue
Suite 201
Fullerton, California 92632

Subject: Draft Environmental Impact Report - City of Needles General Plan

Dear Mr. Levesque:

We have reviewed the subject document and have the following comments:

1. Page V-8, 5th Line - Topock Marsh water surface elevation should be 455 feet above mean sea level.
2. Page V-14, 1st Paragraph - Piute Wash extends to the Piute Mountains on the west and near Searchlight, Nevada, on the north.
3. Page VI-11, 3rd Paragraph - The 0.5 is not a flow rate. This should be reworded to express it as a rise in water surface elevation.
4. Page VI-13, 1st Paragraph - This paragraph is confusing. Does the discussion concern the 1983 high flows or older floods?
5. Page VI-14, 2nd Paragraph - The reoccurrence statement is taken out of context from the subject text. The subject text was prepared by the California Department of Water Resources (listed incorrectly as the U.S. Department of Water Resources in the bibliography). The "Flood Hazard Mitigation Plan for the Colorado River" drew upon the "Colorado River Basin, Hoover Dam, Review of Flood Control Regulation," July 1982 prepared by the Corps of Engineers and the Bureau of Reclamation. The 1982 document describes a 40,000 cubic foot per second flow of 1 month duration in the lower reaches as having a reoccurrence interval of once in 200 to once in 333 years. This is not what is stated in the second paragraph on page VI-14. We suggest that you take the information directly from the Corps of Engineers/Bureau of Reclamation document without interpretation when discussing flow probabilities and reoccurrence intervals.
6. Page VI-18, Paragraph a - The 6 million acre-feet of flood storage is not correct. We are enclosing appropriate excerpts from a report entitled "Water Control Manual for Flood Control, Hoover Dam and Lake Mead, Colorado River, Nevada and Arizona" prepared by the Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles, California in December 1982.

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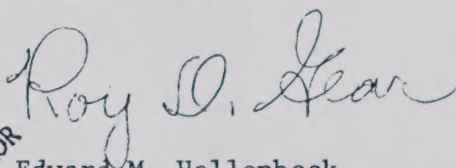
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7. Page VI-19, Paragraph c - The word "future" should be "failure."
8. Pages VI-19, 20, and 21 - These paragraphs seem to be repetitive.
9. Page VI-24, 2nd Paragraph, Line 2 - Should be Table VI-1.
10. Page B-5 - Mr. Branstetter is the Regional Geologist for the Lower Colorado Region.

In addition to the above comments, additional comments will be forthcoming from our Yuma Projects Office. We will attempt to send you these comments as soon as possible.

Sincerely yours,


FOR
Edward M. Hallenbeck
Acting Regional Director

Enclosure



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1. Page 1-12, Paragraph 2 - The word "about" should be "the same".

2. Page 1-12, 20, 21-22 - These paragraphs should be renumbered.

3. Page 1-12, 23, Paragraph 1 - The word "about" should be "the same".

4. Page 1-12, 24, Paragraph 1 - The word "about" should be "the same".

It is suggested that the above mentioned additional changes will be made in the next version of the report. It will be a pleasure to have your comments on these changes.

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